

REMARKS

Applicant made amendments to independent claims 1, 9 and 25 to enhance clarity.

Rejections under 35 USC 102/103

To the extent that any art rejection continues to be applied against independent claim 1, 9 or 25, as amended, reconsideration is requested.

Applicant believes neither Fujioka nor DeLuca, whether or not applied, either singly or in combination, discloses, teaches or suggests "said voltage control information corresponds to a minimum operating voltage of said integrated circuit plus a guard band", let alone such feature in combination with the remaining elements of either claim 1, 9 or 25, all as amended.

In claim 1 (as amended), voltage control information corresponds to a minimum operating voltage...plus a guard band. The guard band accounts for inaccuracies in test measurements which determine V_{min} .

Applicant believes neither Fujioka nor DeLuca teaches voltage control information corresponding to a minimum operating voltage plus a guard band.

Entry and allowance are solicited.

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